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Epidemics
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has earmarked epidemics that regularly affect some or the other part of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the preparedness of the States/ UTs and adequacy of availability of drugs and vaccines to deal with cases of various epidemics; and

(d) the further measures being taken by the Government for proper management of epidemics like bird flu and creation of health infrastructure for its early and precise detection and treatment?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India monitors district-wise epidemics/outbreaks on weekly basis. According to these data, outbreaks of certain diseases such as Acute Diarrheal disease, Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, Cholera, Chickenpox, Chikungunya, Dengue, Food poisoning, Influenza & other acute respiratory illnesses, Malaria, Measles, Viral fever etc. regularly affect some or the other part of the country. These outbreaks are investigated and timely public health interventions are implemented.

(c): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has reviewed the preparedness and response measures for diseases with epidemic potential such as seasonal influenza, Chikungunya, Dengue, Ebola and Zika with the concerned State Governments. Wherever applicable, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has ensured availability of drugs, vaccine, personal protective equipment, insecticide etc.
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(d): No human case of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) has been reported in India. However, there is a contingency plan which is implemented whenever Department of Animal Husbandry issues notification of outbreak of Avian Influenza among birds. As per this plan (i) Central Rapid Response Teams are deputed to the affected area, (ii) micro plan is developed and implemented, (iii) active house to house surveillance is undertaken to detect human case of Avian Influenza, (iv) National Institute of Virology, Pune and National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi are the apex laboratories to test human samples, (v) Hospitals, near to the epicenter are identified and strengthened to manage human cases of Avian Influenza, (vi) Public awareness is created to reduce human exposure to infected birds, and (vii) the health of the animal husbandry staff involved in culling operations is monitored and they are provided prophylaxis with drug Oseltamivir.
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